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SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON FOOD SYSTEMS

REF: A. STATE 296744 B. SOFIA 1783, STATE 218896 (1974)

1. IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BEST QUALIFIED BULGARIAN PARTICIPANT FOR THIS PROJECT, DCM MET WITH VULKAN SHOPOV, HEAD OF BULGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE BULGARIAN NOMINATION. SHOPOV RECEIVED PROPOSAL VERY FAVORABLY, BUT NOTED THAT BULGARIANS AT PROPER LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY WHO COULD MAKE BEST CONTRIBUTION WERE NOT LIKELY TO HAVE ADEQUATE COMMAND OF ENGLISH. HE ASKED IF GOB COULD PROVIDE INTERPRETER AT ITS OWN EXPENSE, SUGGESTING BULGARIAN AGATT IN WASHINGTON MIGHT BE USED. DCM REPLIED WE WOULD ASK WASHINGTON.

2. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REASONING IN OPPOSITION WHEN SIMILAR REQUEST WAS MADE BY GOB FOR M-RP ON URBAN TRANSPORTATION (REFS B). WE NONETHELESS STRONGLY URGE THAT SHOPOV BE GIVEN AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER. IT IS ONLY WAY TO GUARANTEE TOP-NOTCH BULGARIAN PARTICIPANT. SINCE INTERPRETER PROBABLY WOULD BE SOMEWHAT OF SPECIALIST IN HIS OWN RIGHT AND GOB WOULD PAY FOR HIM, WE WOULD GET TWO FOR PRICE OF ONE. IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT SLOWING PACE OF PROGRAM FOR OTHER PARTICIPANTS, WE COULD REQUEST THAT INTERPRETER BE QUALIFIED IN SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION.

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3. REQUEST RESPONSE ON PRIORITY BASIS SO THAT SHOPOV MAY
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